

Partners in Recovery

NOTICE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE INFORMATION

Federal statutes and regulations protect the confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records. These laws require Partners in Recovery to notify you of this fact and to provide you with a written summary of the requirements under these laws. Please retain this notice so that you are aware of your rights.

Partners in Recovery may not acknowledge that you are present at an alcohol or drug abuse program or facility except under certain limited circumstances. These include:

1. With your written consent.
2. With a court order.
3. The facility or program is not publicly identified as only an alcohol or drug abuse diagnosis, treatment, or referral facility or program and the acknowledgement does not reveal that you are an alcohol or drug user.

Our answer to any outside inquiry or request for information which is not authorized under the law must be made in a way that will not affirmatively reveal that you have been, or are being, diagnosed or treated for alcohol or drug abuse.

Partners in Recovery may not disclose information identifying you as an alcohol or drug abuser without your written consent, except under certain limited circumstances. These include:

1. To medical personnel in medical emergencies;
2. To qualified personnel for certain research activities;
3. To qualified personnel for certain audit and evaluation activities;
4. Under a court order;
5. To the appropriate authorities in the case of a crime on program premises or against program personnel;
6. To the appropriate authorities in the case of reporting suspected abuse or neglect as required by Arizona law;
7. Communications within a program or between a program and an entity having direct administrative control over the program; and
8. Communications between a program and a qualified service organization which provides certain services to the program.

Violation of the Federal law and regulations protecting the confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient information may be a crime and suspected violations may be reported to the appropriate authorities as set forth in the regulations. The Federal law and regulations may be found at 42 USC 290dd-2 and 42 CFR Part 2.